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TO THE RESCUE -- More than 20 University of Dayton students are learning lessons that may one day save lives. They'll be part of a new campus volunteer ambulance corps that UD's public safety department is launching this year. Students will receive 120 hours of emergency medical technician (EMT) training by city of Dayton paramedics. That includes more than 80 hours in the classroom and 30 hours on ambulances and in hospitals. John Delamer, director of public safety, said that when the volunteer corps is up and running this fall, seven students will be on call at all times; only two will make ambulance runs. The chief of emergency services at St. Elizabeth Medical Center will serve as the group's medical adviser. Delamer said the student corps will free public safety officers to handle other emergencies. It also "provides students with a wonderful entrance to community service," he said.

Call **John Delamer** at (513) 229-2131

ON THE BENCH -- It's not like the movie *Hoosiers*. There's no lengthy prayer huddle in the locker room before games. But the Rev. Gene Contadino, S.M., chaplain to the UD men's basketball team, never misses a game, at home or on the road. Contadino was never a serious athlete, and wasn't a big basketball fan when he was tapped to serve as the team chaplain in 1984. He celebrates Mass at away games on game day, travels on the team bus, eats with the team and sits on the bench for every game. Most of the time he's there just to be available to the athletes, Coach Jim O'Brien, and the staff. "I like it," Contadino said. "It's important -- the kids know if they need me, I'm there."

The Flyers' tough season this year hasn't led to an increased urgency in Contadino's prayer; however, he notes "a greater consciousness of the staff to be supportive" of the players. And Contadino jokes, he couldn't resist offering some shooting tips to a player -- who good naturedly advised him to leave the coaching to O'Brien. In the past few years, Contadino has also presided at a number of Flyers' weddings.

Call **Gene Contadino** at (513) 229-4241.

RADIO SERIES COMBINES TALK, ALTERNATIVE ROCK -- A new radio series being produced at the University of Dayton will combine music from college favorites such as The Housemartins and R.E.M. with serious talk on topics including sexuality, dating, and preparing for the future. Alan Hueth, who teaches radio and television production in UD's communication department, secured an \$86,500 grant from the Catholic Communication Campaign, a subsidiary of the U.S. Catholic Conference. The grant will be used to produce 52 half-hour shows to be broadcast from college and commercial radio stations nationwide. Local radio personality Mary Fleenor will be the host of "New Rock and Talk."

Call **Alan Hueth** at (513) 229-3945.

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